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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement issued October 30, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to this Office Action is due November 30, 2007. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 6 and 9-12 are pending. The claims have been restricted to the following two groups.

I. Claims 1-3 and 6, drawn to a process for inhibiting expression of human aldolase gene in mammalian cells or tissues in vitro consisting of infecting said cells with